- 2. (amended) The sheet according to claim 1, having an adhesive strip and a releasably placed silicone band on opposite surfaces.
- 3. (amended) The sheet according to claim 1, wherein an adhesive strip is provided on an edge selected from the group consisting of an upper edge, a lower edge, and a lateral edge.
- 4. (amended) The sheet according to claim 1, wherein an adhesive strip is close to the edge of the sheet.
- 5. (amended) The sheet according to claim 1 as comprised in a continuous snap out of sequential sheets, provided with lateral dragging bands, wherein the uncoupled portion of the silicone band is coupled by weakening lines with the band of the following sequential sheet.
- 6. (amended) The sheet according to claim 1 wherein a portion of the silicone band is larger than said glue or adhesive tape strip, and can be folded outwardly during bonding, said portion of the silicone band larger than the glue or adhesive tape strip being the uncoupled portion.

7. (amended) A method for irreversibly binding at least two sheets together, comprising:

- (i) superimposing the sheet according to claim 1 over a second sheet;
- (ii) grasping the uncoupled portion of the silicone band; and
- (iii) pulling the uncoupled portion of the silicone band so as to uncover the glue or adhesive tape strip and bind the two sheets together.
- 8. (amended) A method for aligning rectangular sheets to be permanently bound comprising (i) placing the sheets in a device that provides at least two adjacent projecting sides oriented at a 90 degree angle to each other and (ii) apposing the edges of the sheets with the NY02:326415.1

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projecting sides of the device so that the corners of the sheets fitting within the edges of the device are superimposed.

9. (amended) A device for use according to claim 8, which further provides a silicone zone in an area corresponding to the glue or adhesive tape strip of the sheets, wherein the zone prevents attachment of a sheet to the device during binding.

10. (amended) An adhesive band to permanently bind loose sheets comprising a releasable silicone material support, having a substantially elongated shape alternately providing on one side portions provided with cold activated glue and shorter portions without glue.

11. (amended) The adhesive band according to claim 10 wherein the band is continuous and comprises sections which each comprise a portion provided with cold activated glue and a shorter portion without glue, and having, at the end of each section a feature selected from the group consisting of a cut facilitation, a breaking line, an optical signal and a mechanical signal to indicate a cutting point.

- 12. (amended) The adhesive band according to claim 10, wherein the function of the portion without glue is to provide the opportunity for an easy removal of the silicone support which after the application of the glue on the sheet has the function of preventing undesired adhesion prior to binding.
- 13. (amended) The adhesive band according to claim 10 wherein said band is wounded, the outer surface of the support band being preferably refractory to the glue.
- providing portions have glue on two surfaces, one of which is destined to adhere to the sheet to be bound, the second one being destined to adhere to the sheet that during the binding will be coupled to the sheet providing the band.

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